



Caltrans Proposal Response

Subject: Laden Multi-Vehicle Combination Annuals

Proposal Date: October 27, 2003 (Was on hold pending TPMS)

Response Date: August 28, 2008

Policy: WG7 – 063004 - 002

I. Change current policy

Industry Proposed Revision:

Allow the Issuance of Laden Multi-Vehicle Combination Annuals not to exceed established weight.

Requesting to expand the current un-laden Annual permits that allow 110,000 pounds of gross weight by authorizing any payload as long as the gross weight does not exceed 110,000 pounds.

The Department's Response:

The proposal to use Annual Permits for Laden Multi- Vehicle Combinations, meets the needs of industry to reduce travel time and the Department to reduce workload. We will work with you towards that common goal. At present, however, the Department has concerns about the safety of the traveling public, highway structures and members of the trucking industry. If annual permits were used, there will be no way to ensure trucks will be loaded in configurations that are safe for all structures they may encounter. Structural clearances and bridge ratings can change on a day to day base due to construction and maintenance projects. The Department will continue to work with you to identify ways to eliminate this problem. Meanwhile the Department is working on a new automated permits system that will greatly reduce the time needed to obtain a Single Trip Permit.